

Announcements:

Committee Assignments: The Majority Leader announced, in accordance with S. Res. 18, that the following Democratic member has been assigned to the following committees:

Committee on Indian Affairs: Senator Franken.
Select Committee on Aging: Senator Franken.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Susan L. Kurland, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Matthew Winthrop Barzun, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to Sweden.

William Carlton Eacho III, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

Fay Hartog-Levin, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Patricia Newton Moller, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea.

Michael H. Posner, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

Stephen J. Rapp, of Iowa, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues.

Alexa E. Posny, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

Alexander G. Garza, of Missouri, to be Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—218) Page S7178

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7215.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jonathan Steven Adelstein, of South Dakota, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, who was introduced by Senators Johnson and Thune, Kevin W. Concannon, of Maine, to be Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, who was introduced by Representative Pingree, and Evan J. Segal, of Pennsylvania, to be Chief Financial Officer, who was introduced by Senator Casey, all of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1406, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2010, with amendments; and

S. 1407, making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2010, with amendments.

MILITARY COMMISSIONS AND TRIALS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legal issues regarding military commissions and the trial of detainees for violations of the law of war, after receiving testimony from Jeh C. Johnson, General Counsel, Vice Admiral Bruce E. MacDonald, USN, Judge Advocate General, and Rear Admiral John D. Hutson, USN (Ret.), former Judge Advocate General, both of the United States Navy, and Major General John D. Altenburg, Jr., USA (Ret.), former Appointing Authority for Military Commissions, all of the Department of Defense; David S. Kris, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; and Daniel Marcus, American University Washington College, Washington, DC.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CLIMATE POLICY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine public transportation, focusing on a core climate solution, after receiving testimony from Ernest Tollerson, Director, New York State Metropolitan Transportation Authority Policy and Media Relations, New York; Michael A. Replogle, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy, and Randal

O'Toole, CATO Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Clinton J. Andrews, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick; and Mayor Christopher Cabaldon, West Sacramento, California.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded an oversight hearing to examine the United States Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

CLEAN ENERGY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislative tools used to move America toward a clean energy economy and reducing global warming pollution, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy; Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Kenneth L. Salazar, Secretary of the Interior; Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour, Jackson; Mayor John Fetterman, Braddock, Pennsylvania; David G. Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, DC.; and Rich Wells, The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Colin Fulton, to be General Counsel, and Paul Anastas, to be Assistant Administrator for the Office of Research and Development, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Timothy J. Roemer, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to India, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, Richard J. Schmierer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, and Gordon Gray, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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Susan Fulton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Denmark, who was introduced by Senators Johnson and Warner, Louis B. Susman, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, who was introduced by Senators Kerry, Durbin, and McCaskill, Charles H. Rivkin, of California, to be Ambassador to France, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Monaco, who was introduced by Senator Kerry and Representative Waxman, and Mark Henry Gitenstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Romania, who was introduced by Senators Dodd and Kaufman, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

STRENGTHENING U.S.-PAKISTAN RELATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the strengthening of United States-Pakistan relations, after receiving testimony from Paul W. Jones, Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State; Lisa Curtis, Heritage Foundation, Nicholas Schmidle, New America Foundation, Shuja Nawaz, Atlantic Council of the United States, and Nathaniel C. Fisk, Center for a New American Security, all of Washington, DC.; and Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee continued consideration of Affordable Health Choices Act, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, July 8, 2009.

BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the Bowl Championship Series, focusing on its compliance with Antitrust Law, after receiving testimony from Michael Young, University of Utah, Salt Lake City; Barry J. Brett, Troutman Sanders LLP, New York, New York; Harvey S. Perlman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and William Monts III, Hogan and Hartson LLP, Washington, DC.